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1. TESTIMONY FROM A MULTITUDE OF WITNESSES IN THE LENGTHY TRIAL OF ANANDA MARG CHIEF P.R. SARKAR (ALIAS "ANANDMURTI") AND FOUR ASSOCIATES FOR THE MURDER OF SIX ANAND MARG DEFECTORS CAME TO AN END ON AUGUST 4. THIS ENDED THE PROSECUTION'S CASE AGAINST SARKAR.

2. ON AUGUST 11, SARJIR TOOK THE STAND HIMSELF. DURING HIS TESTIMONY HE DISOWNED THE TITLES OF "ANANDMURTI," "BABA," OR "GOD-INCARNATE." HE CLAIMED THAT THE MARG WAS A CULT BASED ON "SUPRA-MUNDANE SCIENCE." AS SUCH, IT HAD NO MEMBERS; RATHER, THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN IT ARE ONLY SUPPORTERS. IN ADDITION, SARNAR DENIED THAT ANY OF THE VARIOUS WINGS OF THE ANAND MARG WHICH HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES (SUCH AS THE SEVA DHARMA MISSION AND THE VISHVA SHANTI SENA) ARE BRANCHES OF THE ORGANIZATION. HE CLAIMED THAT ONLY THE "EDUCATION, RELIEF AND WELFARE SECTION" (ERAWS) WAS A PART OF THE ANAND MARG.

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3. SARKARS'S TESTIMONY IS LIKELY TO LAST FOR A FEW MORE
DAYS AFTER WHICH THE CASE WILL GO TO THE JUDGES FOR
DECISION.THE VERDICT IS GOING TO BE HANDED DOWN
IN SEVERAL WEEKS.
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